

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. James Woolsey
General Counsel
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate

SUBJECT: Central Intelligence Agency Relations
With the Congress

1. The following information is submitted in response to your request in connection with the above matter.

2. As you know, the Agency's relations with the Congress are conducted in accordance with the procedures laid down by the Armed Services and Appropriations Committees of both Houses which exercise legislative and appropriations jurisdiction over the Agency. The Agency stands ready at all times to keep the appropriate Subcommittees of these four Committees fully informed regarding all aspects of its organization, funding, operations and activities, as well as intelligence information which it produces.

3. In addition, and in accordance with the guidelines laid down by the above-mentioned Subcommittees, the Agency attempts to be responsive at all times to the inquiries of the other committees and subcommittees of the Congress on matters within the Agency's competence and within the jurisdiction of these committees and subcommittees.

4. As reflected in the attached table based on Agency records during the years 1959 to 1972 inclusive, Agency officers appeared before congressional committees or subcommittees on 359 occasions. Also as indicated in the attached table, over recent years the Agency has averaged about 100 briefings per year of individual senators and congressmen and has responded to an average of approximately 1000 written communications from members of the Congress each year.

5. With regard to the question of the Agency's reporting to the Congress concerning its operations in Laos, our records indicate that on 2 May 1961 the then Director Allen Dulles briefed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on this subject, that since that time various committees and subcommittees of the Congress have been briefed on Agency activities in Laos on 35 occasions, and that altogether a total of 57 members of the Senate have at one time or another received Agency briefings concerning its operations in Laos, either individually or as members of one or more of the above-mentioned committees.

6. Please let me know if you desire any further information in this connection.

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Attachment:

Year	Committee Briefings	Individual Briefings	Correspondence
1972	15	108	618
1971	17	120	685
1970	18	80	1000
1969	23	65	1000
1968	18	60+ *	1000
1967	32	23+	1683
1966	38		1755
1965	53		1447
1964	13		850
1963	32		**
1962	32		
1961	22		
1960	18		
1959	28		
Totals:	359	256	10,038

*We didn't start keeping detailed records on individual briefings until 1969.

** We didn't start keeping detailed records on correspondence until 1964.